

# CITY OF LEON VALLEY



## Police Department Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Leon Valley City Council Chambers 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238 Monday, November 14, 2016

### MINUTES

The Police Department Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 14th day of November, 2016 at 5:35 p.m. in the Leon Valley City Hall located at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas for the purpose of the following business:

#### Call to Order

Board Chairperson Marianna Sanchez called the meeting to order. A roll call was accomplished at 1736 , with the following in attendance:

The minutes reflect that the following Members of the Police Department Citizens Advisory Committee were present: Chairperson Marianna Sanchez, Vice Chairperson Charles Hawsey, Councilman David Jordan, Councilman Benny Martinez, Chief Joseph Salvaggio, Assistant Chief Ruben Saucedo, Heather Riddle, Donna Charles, Jesse Barrera, Susan Hillje, Lelani Mercado, Richard Blackmore, and Karen Seiffert. Kim Crawford, Mark Guerra and Byron Woodworth were not present and their absence was excused.

Board Chairperson Marianna Sanchez asked for a review of the meeting minutes. Mrs. Hillje proposed a motion for the meeting minutes to be accepted. The vote was seconded by Mrs. LeLani Mercado. A vote was taken to accept the meeting minutes as written. All board member voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

The board discussed the following programs as listed on the agenda:

- A. Neighborhood Watch: A discussion ensued on starting Neighborhood Watch programs in the City of Leon Valley. Four neighborhoods requested to be the first to begin: Grass Valley, Shadow Mist, The Ridge, and the Hodges/Athena area. Other neighborhoods were interested, and will begin working towards that goal. The officers for their respective areas will begin working with them on setting up the first meeting. **ACTION:** Officer will contact the neighborhood leaders to discuss the first meeting.
- B. Utilization of Social Media- Ms. Sanchez created a Facebook page specifically for Leon Valley residents. The Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/leonvalley](http://www.facebook.com/groups/leonvalley) was created and disseminated. The group agreed to hold off publishing it until a further meeting as changes are made to the page. Chief Salvaggio let everyone know that Police, Fire and City Hall are still utilizing Facebook and Next Door to release information, and we would link up to the Leon Valley Citizen page once it is ready to go. **ACTION:** Publicize the Facebook Page for future usage.
- C. Citizen Police Academy- Chief Salvaggio handed out a copy of an agencies Citizen Police Academy class curriculum. The group went through the curriculum and decided on what portions we wanted to keep, and those we would discard. It was decided that the course should begin in January, and be approximately six weeks of once a week meetings for three hours. Chief Salvaggio assigned an officer to report back at the next meeting with a draft course curriculum. **ACTION:** Prepare a class agenda for the next meeting.



- D. Door Hangers: Chief Salvaggio asked for the discussion on door hangers to be tabled until next meeting. Everyone voted in favor of doing so. **ACTION:** Have examples of door hangars for the next meeting.
- E. Traffic Calming Measures on Bandera: A discussion on utilizing traffic calming measures on Bandera Road was continued. Everyone agreed that measures to resolve the traffic issues on Bandera should be examined closely. Chief Salvaggio provided information at the last meeting on the red-light cameras and all committee members were instructed to review it and talk to family, friends and neighbors between meetings. Committee members discussed them and requested a demonstration. Chief Salvaggio let them know he would have the vendor come to the next meeting to discuss. **ACTION:** Bring a vendor to the next meeting to discuss the capabilities of a red-light camera system.
- F. Neighborhood Officer Assignments: Chief Salvaggio provided officer assignments for each neighborhood. All board members were asked to contact their neighborhood officers and acquaint themselves with each of them. **ACTION:** Link up officers with neighborhood leaders.
- G. Blue Santa Program: The board discussed the Blue Santa Program and came up with ideas to promote Leon Valley's involvement. Chief Salvaggio agree to provide information throughout the month as plans were finalized. **ACTION:** Chief Salvaggio finalize plans with other agencies and schools for the Blue Santa Program.
- H. A discussion occurred over last month's neighborhood concerns:
1. Helotes Dispatch system: advised citizens on our meetings with Helotes leadership
  2. Old Mill Neighborhood Speed Bumps: Information to be provided
  3. Abandoned vehicles and more code concerns: explained enforcement efforts
  4. Lack of compassion by some officers: met with all officers to discuss
  5. Blocking intersections at lights on Bandera Road: explained enforcement efforts
  6. Graffiti on train at old Wendy's in San Antonio: SAPD removed all graffiti and boarded it up
  7. Burglary of Habitations and thefts in the Althea/Hodges Neighborhoods: issues discussed
- I. New Citizens Concerns:
1. Complaints of illegal dumping by a business
  2. Cadillac on Bandera Road still there
  3. Aggressive panhandling
  4. Burglary on Hodges
  5. Workers parking on Hodges Street
  6. Pena Brothers running business out of neighborhood
  7. Crime stats added to Lion's Roar

The Committee agreed to meet December 12, 2016 at 5:30 hours.

#### Adjournment

Chairperson Marianna Sanchez announced the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Marianna Sanchez  
Chairperson